IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE THE APPLICATION OF)

Edgar Beaulieu) EXAMINER: Steven Ganey

SERIAL NO.: 10/804,622) Group Art Unit: 3752

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FOR: CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS)
     SYSTEM, TREATMENT
     APPARATUS AND METHOD) Docket No. 926359-95541

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED

JANUARY 26, 2005 AND RELATED AMENDMENT

I. INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the office action mailed January 26, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 26, 2005. A petition for a two month extension for response is filed herewith. The appropriate fee ((as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-0913 for any underpayment or fees due in connection with this extension.

With this extension this response is due on or before April 26, 2005.

It is noted, and discussed hereinafter, that the foregoing is a second restriction requirement in this application. The first restriction requirement is dated August 30, 2004 and was responded to on September 22, 2004.

In the present restriction requirement the Examiner grouped claims as follows:

Group I -- claims 15-17;

Group II -- claims 18-20; and

Group III -- claims 21-31.

The Examiner has stated the reasons for the restriction requirement. The applicant respectfully disagrees.

However, the applicant elects Group II -- claims 18-20 -- with traverse.

A listing of the claims is presented hereinafter in Section II.

In the Remarks Section III a further discussion of the background of this matter is provided.